



## Bergland to Run for LNC Chairman

*Former LP presidential candidate makes announcement at LPC Convention*

**D**avid Bergland, former Libertarian presidential candidate, has thrown his hat into the election ring for National Chair of the Libertarian Party. Speaking before a packed room at the LPC's 1998 Convention in Los Angeles, Bergland told the enthusiastic crowd that he will seek to fill the position currently held but soon to be vacated by Steve Dasbach.

"Building our Party's membership and strengthening its organization will be my top priorities as National Chair," he said. "Having quality people in leadership positions is essential to achieving both goals. More members means having a larger pool of talent and resources; it means having more and better candidates and campaign managers; it means having more and better local activists; it means having more financial support and media coverage; and it means bringing in still more members — because the larger we are, the more attractive and credible we are. My goal is to insure that, by the next presidential campaign in the year 2000, the Libertarian Party will be too big to ignore."

Bergland also had high praise for Steve Dasbach: "Under his leadership, the Party has had remarkable success in both membership growth and improved organizational strength. Now we are transitioning from a primarily volunteer-operated organization to a professional non-profit business. The CEO responsibilities of the (continued on page 3)



**Six of the eight 1998 LPC candidates endorsed by delegates at the convention. Standing: Ted Brown, Steve Kubby and Jon Petersen. Seated: Dale Ogden, Gail Lightfoot and Joe Farina.**

## Convention is Huge Success

*'98 Convention sets new attendance and fundraising records!*

**C**ontinuing its march of growth and progress, the LPC held its 1998 Convention over the weekend of February 13-16 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Los Angeles — and the event was a resounding success. The convention set new records for attendance and fundraising, and was the first state LP convention ever to receive national TV coverage.

The event drew nearly 300 people — many of them attending their very first LP event. Ticket sales generated \$30,039 in gross revenues — more than any other convention in LPC history.

The occasion provided more good news: at the opening ceremonies, LPC Chair Mark Hinkle announced the LPC had grown to a record high of 5,024

members. Later during the weekend, he also named his choice for the LPC's new Executive Director — Juan Ros, Chair of Region 61 (San Fernando Valley) — the party's first paid employee in years.

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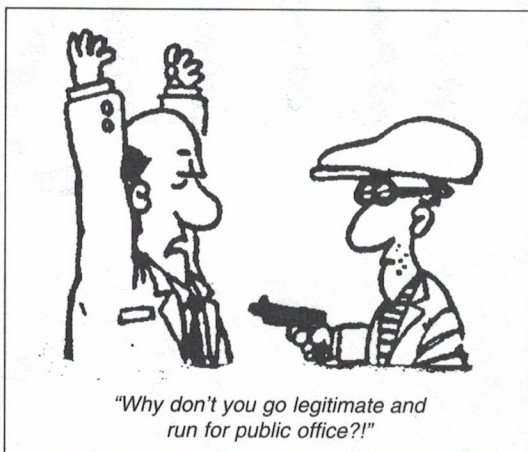
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## LETTERS



### Partisan Races Pay Off

Partisan races can and do serve useful purposes: they get our name out; they introduce and promote our ideas to the public; they create inquiries that can be converted into dues paying members and local activists. I believe we are doing a very good job on the first in most campaigns, a reasonable job on the second in the more effective campaigns, and only so-so on the third.

I would like us to be more systematic in using campaigns to increase the number of inquiries that can be converted into members. I don't pretend to have the best strategy for doing this, so I'm going to let the marketplace decide.

I'm attempting to come up with an award to the campaign in California that can demonstrate that it generated more inquiries (or perhaps more members) than any other in the state. This yet-to-be-named award would be given at the next state convention. I can envision that this award will amount to at least \$1,000, hopefully much more. So far, Bruce Lagasse and myself have agreed to contribute to this pot provided that others are willing to contribute also. If this succeeds, I can envision the amount growing each election cycle.

Do you want to participate or know someone else who would be willing to? If so, let me know.

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*The following letter was recently published in the San Diego Daily Transcript.*

### Don't Nourish Political Cancer

The one thing California does NOT need is a socialistic Democrat running the state. Diane Fienstein's advocacy of wasteful government spending to solve problems has failed miserably at the federal and state levels. To blindly throw more money at the problem, without cutting the

50% waste inherent in any government program, is like throwing gasoline on a fire to put it out.

Our current government does not work, and the only way to kill a cancer is to cut it out, not nourish it. When one half of it is wasted, the only way to bring sanity to our Republic is massive cuts in the amount of money we "volunteer" to pay to keep government running. We, the people, have the right to say enough is enough, and we want to keep more in our wallets. The only way for this to occur is to give the Libertarians one shot to fix the system. While their claims of reducing the size of the government are ambitious, I believe them more than I believe Bill Clinton's claims that the era of big government is over. We have nothing else to loose, and the reclamation of our liberties to gain.

CHRIS WINKLER  
San Diego, CA

### Bill of Rights Day

December 15th was the 206th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights. This should be one of the most honored days on the American calendar. Unfortunately, most Americans never noticed the occasion — just as many people seem not to notice how the government is increasingly violating their constitutional rights.

However, there is a grassroots movement seeking to wake Americans up to this anniversary and its meaning by consecrating December 15th as the official "Bill of Rights Day." Governments across the country in recent weeks have passed resolutions or issued proclamations proclaiming "Bill of Rights Day."

You can now see where the "Bill of Rights Day" has been proclaimed as a day of commemoration, celebration and reflection — a day to educate Americans of their heritage, for without knowledge and wisdom of the Bill of Rights, our nation will perish.

To see the progress made in proclaiming December 15th as the "Bill of Rights Day," go to the website at <[jpfo.org/bor-chrt.htm](http://jpfo.org/bor-chrt.htm)>. You will be amazed!

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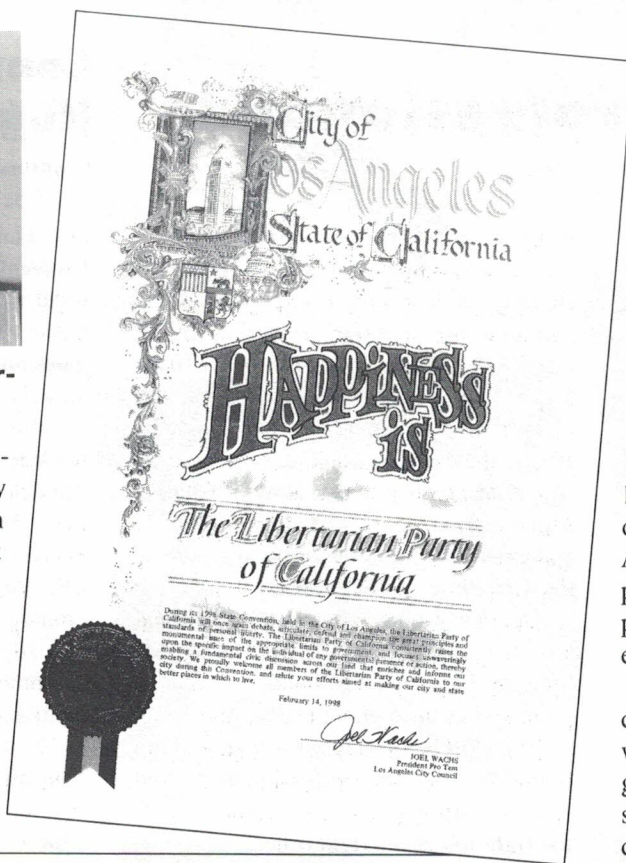
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### "Happiness is the Libertarian Party of California,"

reads the official welcoming proclamation presented to the LPC by L.A. councilman Joel Wachs on behalf of the L.A. City Council at the LPC Convention's opening ceremony. "I wanted to make sure that the city council recognizes you are here," Wachs said, "and that they formally acknowledge the very important contributions you are making to the political discourse in this state."



## Business Report

### Officers, reps and delegates conduct business at convention

by Joe Dehn

In spite of a shortened schedule of sessions that had many activists concerned that business would be short-changed at this convention, the delegates sent by regions around the state managed to get elections and other essential business done.

Joining the five officers (elected last year for two-year terms), and the representatives of the five largest regions, are a new set of five at-large members of the Executive Committee: Ted Brown, Sharon Ayres, Aaron Starr, Gail Lightfoot, and Tammy Austin. Also elected were two at-large alternates: Jack Dean and José Castañeda. Meeting after the convention, the Executive Committee selected Brown, Dean, Mark Murphy (R30 representative), and Starr to serve with LPC Chair Mark Hinkle as the

Operations Committee.

Elected to the Judicial Committee were Richard Boddie, Mary Gingell, Bruce Lagasse, David Nolan, and Wayne Nygren, who then elected Lagasse to serve as their chair.

Joe Dehn and Terry Savage were elected as representatives to the Libertarian National Committee, along with Scott Lieberman as an alternate. Vic Wagner was elected to represent California on the national convention Platform Committee, and Thea McLean for the Credentials Committee.

The eight candidates for statewide public office received the LPC's formal nomination and endorsement: Steve Kubby (for Governor), Tom Tryon (for Lt. Governor), Gail Lightfoot (for Secretary of State), Pam Pescosolido (for Controller), Jon Petersen (for Treasurer), Joe Farina (for *(continued on page 5)*)

## Bergland to Run for LNC Chair

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Chair have become too demanding for a part-time volunteer. I plan, if elected, to delegate most of those functions to a professional executive — and I'd like Steve Dasbach to have that position."

Bergland continued: "It is my intention to build on the foundation created by Steve and the entire Libertarian National Committee. I am committed to helping the Party grow while remaining committed to its principles. We are America's only alternative to the statist policies of virtually every other political party — and with lots of hard work, voters will know that by the year 2000."

David Bergland previously held the chair's position from 1977-81, during which time the party experienced rapid growth and first achieved 50-state ballot status. In addition to his 1984 presidential candidacy, he is perhaps best known as the author of *Libertarianism in One Lesson*, which Laissez Faire Books calls "the best brief introduction to libertarian-

ism available today." Now in its 7th edition, the book has sold over



David Bergland and his wife Sharon Ayres at the convention.

150,000 copies. In 1976, Bergland was the LP's vice presidential candidate; in 1978, he ran for state senate and became the first Libertarian on the ballot in California partisan race. He was also the first recipient of the Samuel Adam's Society's coveted Sons of Liberty Award.

A business attorney, Bergland lives in Costa Mesa, California, with his wife, Sharon Ayres.

The next National Chair will be elected by delegates at the Libertarian Party's 1998 Convention, to be held July 2-5 in Washington D.C. ■

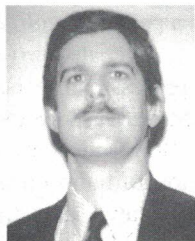


From The Chair:

# It's Time To Professionalize

by Mark Hinkle

As I begin my second year as Chair of the LPC, we've met two of the three goals that I established just over one year ago:



**Mark Hinkle**

1. Increase our dues paying membership to 5,000
2. Raise \$150,000 in revenues
3. Hire at least one paid employee, working in an office

Days before our convention, I received word that our membership totaled 4,952. Then on Friday, February 13th, just before the convention's welcoming reception, I learned that a recent mailing produced an additional 72 members. (So much for Friday the 13th being unlucky!) Thus, at the opening of the convention, I was able to officially announce that our membership totaled 5,024!

This is the first time in history we've had over 5,000 members in California!

Goal #1 is now accomplished—and a thousand Libertarians made it happen... In the last year, 977 people made contributions to the LPC above their membership dues. Add to that, all the local activists who signed up new members at art festivals, guns shows, tax protests, etc. Credit also goes to the national LP, which is committed to membership growth. During the last six months, the state and national parties mailed over 70,000 membership solicitations. Many local parties sent out membership recruitment letters as well. A quality team effort has produced quality results!

As for goal #2... The LPC's final gross revenues for 1997 were \$190,539.30 — \$40,539.30 over our \$150,000 goal!

That's two goals down and one to go. Where do we stand on goal #3?

At the convention's grand banquet, Michael Cloud announced my choice for the position of Executive Director. His

name is Juan Ros. Juan will bring a wealth of skill and energy to the position. He has excellent written and verbal skills, and an impressive track record as an LP activist. Juan has served as a local officer and as a member of the LPC Excom, and is currently a candidate for Congress. Juan is the man responsible for getting C-SPAN to cover our dinner with Charles Murray last year, and Larry Elder's appearance at our convention this year — the first time in history that a state LP convention has been covered on national TV! Juan is also bilingual: I want to hear him on English and Spanish language radio shows throughout California!

I've worked closely with Juan and am impressed by his professionalism and "can do" attitude. He is the right man for the right job at the right time.

However, I won't be able to offer Juan the job unless and until we have adequate funding for this position in place. I have set a goal of setting aside at least \$25,000 in the bank before we can hire Juan. If that money isn't raised, Juan Ros will not be hired.

We raised over \$10,500 in donations and pledges for this position at the convention. We need another \$15,000. Soon, Juan will be leaving his current job — and taking another non-LP job, unless we can raise the funds to hire him. I must hear from you by the end of March if we are to take the next step in our growth towards a professional Party.

The best way to help is by becoming a monthly pledger — or, if you are already a pledger, by increasing the amount of your monthly donation. It's easy: you can use the membership form on the back of this newsletter — just fill in the appropriate information and send it in today.

This is the last of our 1997 goals. Once we've accomplished it, we can and will move on to bigger and better things! With your continued support, 1998 will be the year that the LPC becomes a truly professional organization! ■

## Convention is Huge Success

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and Platform Committee meetings, the Convention officially kicked-off Friday night with a reception in a plush top-floor room overlooking Los Angeles. Delegates and guests mingled to the sounds of a lively mariachi band.

Saturday morning, after Hinkle's Call to Order and a business session (see page 3), delegates were formally greeted by Los Angeles City Councilman Joel Wachs. Expressing his admiration for the LP, Wachs presented Hinkle with a welcoming proclamation from the City of Los Angeles. (see page 3) Declaring that "Happiness is the Libertarian Party of California" and bearing the official seal of Los Angeles, the document reads: "During its 1998 State Convention, held in the City of Los Angeles, the Libertarian Party of California will once again debate, articulate, defend and champion the great principles and standards of personal liberty. The Libertarian Party of California consistently raises the monumental (continued on page 6)

### LNC Audit Update

In his article on the December LNC meeting published in the January issue, Joe Dehn reported that an adjustment had been made in the LNC's financial statements for 1996 due to an error involving accounts payable. This was believed at the time to be the result of a problem with the accounting system in the national office. Since the time that issue went to press, it has been learned that the apparent error was actually the result of an error made by the auditor. The final report of the auditor is expected to be presented to the LNC at its March meeting. If there are significant new developments concerning this matter they will be covered in the next issue.



## Business Report

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Attorney General), Dale Ogden (for Insurance Commissioner) and Ted Brown (for U.S. Senate). None of these races were contested by other Libertarians.

The business sessions opened to a dispute about the seating of several delegates from Orange County, who said that the bylaws provision granting ex officio status to holders of public office should apply to them because they had become central committee members though election at the last primary. Others disputed this interpretation, saying that central committee membership was never intended to be considered a "public office" for this purpose. The convention voted to seat the specific



Delegates conducting business at the Convention.

individuals for this convention, but then approved an amendment to the bylaws clarifying that central committee membership does not count as a "public office" in this context.

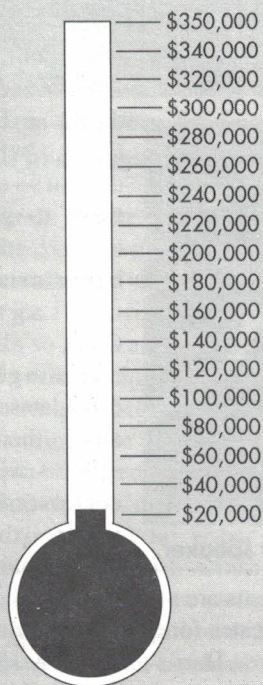
The bylaws were also amended to spec-

ify what happens when one of the large regions entitled to its own representative on the Executive Committee fails to send a representative, a problem that came up during the past term. Under the new rule, the next largest region will become entitled to the position. The procedure for Executive Committee mail ballots was amended to clarify that members may change their votes up to the end of the voting period. A number of small technical changes were approved to deal with errors that had been made in applying amendments adopted at prior conventions.

In Platform action, new language was added concerning children's rights and secession. Several other proposals, concerning the death penalty, private prisons, drivers licenses, and the Statement of Principles, were discussed but did not receive sufficient support to be adopted. ■

### Revenue

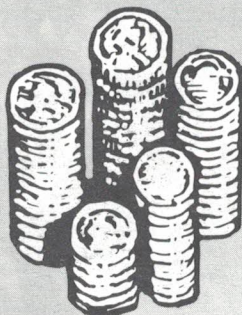
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Year End Goal: \$350,000



## Growth Watch: January 1998

### Pledges & Donations

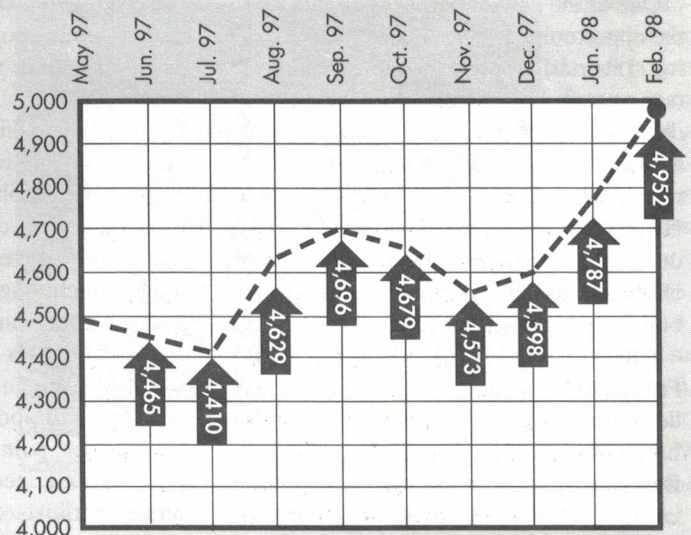
Totals for January  
Pledges: \$2,588  
Donations: \$6,328



**Help Us Grow!** To make a monthly pledge or one time donation, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (408) 243-2711 x33.

### Membership

January 31st: 4,952      1997 Goal: 5,000



**Help Us Grow!** Ask just one friend or coworker to join the Libertarian Party in 1997 -- or offer to pay their dues the first year if they will consider paying them when it comes time to renew!



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monumental issue of the appropriate limits to government, and focuses unwaveringly upon the specific impact on the individual of any governmental presence or action, thereby enabling a fundamental civic discussion across our land that enriches and informs our society. We proudly welcome all members of the Libertarian Party of California to our city during this Convention, and salute your efforts aimed at making our city and state better places in which to live."

Next, Libertarian National Chair Steve Dasbach delivered the Keynote Address. Discussing the Party's rapid growth, Dasbach affirmed that the LP is

"on the road to victory," and encouraged activists to continue focusing their energies on growing the party.

One of the convention's highlights was the opportunity to hear five of the six living Libertarian presidential candidates. (see page 8) First up was the 1996 candidate, Harry Browne, who encouraged activists to use good salesmanship techniques when advancing the party's goals. He also warned against committing "random acts of libertarianism" and, like Dasbach, urged everyone to focus on building party membership.

After a lunch break, the LP's 1984 Presidential candidate, David Bergland, delivered a speech entitled "The Only Libertarian Lesson You'll Ever Need." Bergland provided a summary of libertarianism and urged party members to remain committed to their principles.

Later, well-known Libertarian campaign manager and gun-rights activist Barbara Goushaw told convention-goers, "Handguns are a girl's best friend!" A

leading member of Brass Roots, an organization working to defeat anti-gun politicians, Goushaw said that women need to be able to defend themselves, not expect others to defend them — and that the best way for women to defend themselves is by owning and knowing how to use a handgun. "Where handguns are legal to carry, violent crimes decrease," she said, adding that, despite the claims of the media and gun control fanatics, there is "absolutely no evidence to sup-



**San Diego tax-axer Richard Rider.**

port the myth that your gun will be taken away by an attacker and used against you." An advocate of responsible gun ownership, Goushaw said: "All women will be safer if all women are allowed to carry guns."

Speaking next was the LP's 1988 Presidential candidate, Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas). After relating several humorous anecdotes about his experiences on Capitol Hill, Paul said that he believed America is moving towards "fascism with a smile," and that all liberty-defending people, regardless of their party-affiliation, must continue the fight with passion.

Following him, San Diego's Richard Rider described his battles with city and county governments, including a number of tax-funded boondoggles to which he mounted effective opposition. Rider pointed out several techniques activists can use effectively, in-

cluding writing letters to the editor, developing and nurturing media contacts, and rallying support via the Internet.

Later that day, David Bergland

returned to the podium to announce his intention to seek election as the LP's National Chair. (see page 1) The audience reacted with an enthusiastic ovation.

At Saturday night's Grand Banquet, KGO radio talk show host Gene Burns delivered his own "modest proposal"... Burns said that the Federal Government's efforts

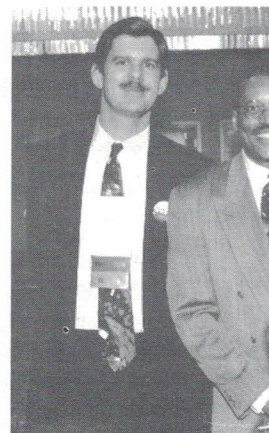
to thwart California's Prop. 215 (the Medical Marijuana Initiative) provides the perfect opportunity to push the concept of states' rights defined by the U.S. Constitution. Burns suggested that California send its federal income tax revenues to an offshore escrow account, and continue to withhold the money from the IRS until the federal government leaves Californians free to inhale or ingest whatever they choose.

Afterward, Michael Cloud announced that Juan Ros had been chosen by Mark Hinkle to serve as the LPC's new Executive Director; prompted by Cloud, banquet-attendees donated over \$10,000 toward funding the position.

Sunday began with another Business Session. After breaking for lunch, a second slate of speakers took the podium...

First up was 1980 Presidential candidate Ed Clark, who discussed ways to get out the Libertarian message. Clark also encouraged candidates to ally themselves with controversial issues that their mainstream opponents are afraid to address.

Next, Advocates for Self-Government President Sharon Harris made a passionate defense of free markets and individ-

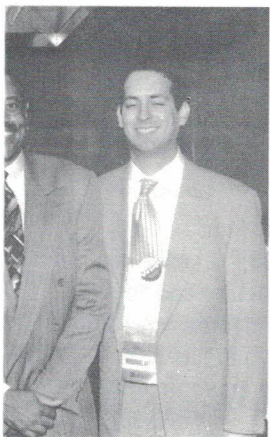


**Mark Hinkle (l) and Juan Ros (r) at the podium.**



**Convention-goers listening to guest speaker.**





**in Ros (r) welcome top-  
arry Elder (c).**

ual rights. "A free society is a generous, gentle, tolerant, considerate and compassionate society," she said, then went on to provide several examples to prove her point.

Harris also discussed the half-million people arrested on pot charges each year, and all the crime caused by the War on Drugs. "A free society — in which

drugs are decriminalized and the free market regulates their cost and availability — would eliminate those problems."

After a short break came one of the convention's highlights: a speech by Los Angeles talk radio host Larry Elder. Speaking before a standing-room-only audience (including many non-LP mem-

bers, delegates to the national convention, and endorsed statewide candidates (see page 3 for details). The convention officially adjourned at noon — but the fun wasn't over yet...

Nearly 100 Libertarians attended the annual Samuel Adams Society Luncheon, traditionally the convention's last event. After the meal, the organization's Founder

and Director, Jack Dean, presented the prestigious Karl J. Bray Memorial Award for Activism to Jean Taborsky (R65), then introduced the event's guest speaker: Attorney Manuel S. Klausner, one of the key figures in the Prop. 209 (the California Civil Rights Initiative) campaign. Klausner discussed ways that Libertarians can form alliances with other groups to achieve common objectives. (A transcript of his speech will appear in an upcoming issue of *LPC Monthly*.)

With the end of the Samuel Adams Society luncheon, the Libertarian Party of California's 1998 Convention drew to a close. Delegates, activists, and guests dispersed, returning to their homes all across

bers), Elder, an African-American, attacked Affirmative Action, saying it "is premised on three things, all of which I reject. The first is that white employers are so racist and stupid that they will not do what is in his best interest: hire the most qualified and talented person they can find. The second is that white people owe black people because of past wrongs. But who can't trace his-or-her ancestry to a time when his-or-her ancestors were screwed over by somebody? The third premise is that we can't make it on our own. We need a boost. We're not smart enough. We're not hard-working enough — and I most assuredly reject that." He

went on to say "there is a relationship between how hard you work and where you end up. It has nothing to do with your race."

A self-described libertarian, Elder acknowledged he differs with the LP on some foreign policy issues. "But," he said, "The Libertarian Party has a broad tent. We have common ground on so many things, we ought not hold people to a litmus test where we kick them out if they don't check off every single box."

When finished, Elder received a standing ovation. His speech was videotaped by C-SPAN and later aired nationally on that network. (A transcript will appear in next month's *LPC Monthly*.)

The final speaker of the day was Dr. John Hospers, the first Libertarian presidential candidate to receive an electoral college vote (in 1972) and a friend of Ayn Rand. In his quiet but forceful way, Dr. Hospers delivered a devastating critique of the government's failed educational system — which, he said, was responsible for the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of our time. Despite pervasive social decline, Dr. Hospers pointed to the LP's growing success and influence as a sign for optimism.

The Convention recessed late Sunday afternoon. Many hospitality suites opened their doors, including one hosted by the Bergland for Chair Campaign and another by the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County.

On Monday morning, delegates selected new At-Large Executive Committee



**C-SPAN camera crew in action -- the first time in history that a state Libertarian Party convention receives national TV coverage.**



**Congressman Ron Paul chats with supporter.**

the Golden State and beyond.

By general consensus, this was our party's best convention to date. *LPC Monthly* extends kudos to organizers Laura McFadden, Olga Cruz and Juan Ros for making it such a success! ■



**Gene Burns (l), Harry Browne (c) and David Bergland (r) at Saturday's Grand Banquet.**

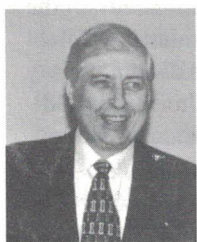
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# Presidential Candidates Speak

*Five former LP candidates for President address convention-goers in Los Angeles*

**A**t the recent LPC Convention, those in attendance enjoyed a special opportunity to see and hear five of the six living former Libertarian presidential candidates. Each of the distinguished men took turns standing upon the speaker's platform before the crowded hall to share their experiences, observations and insights...



**Harry Browne**

First was 1996 candidate Harry Browne, who said: "We are witnessing the self-destruction of the major parties. To take advantage of the opportunities this situation offers, Browne urged members to "identify what people want then show them that only we can provide it." He went on to identify four stumbling blocks to Libertarian success and ways to overcome them...

"The first obstacle is that some people still think that government should be providing many of the services they want. We need to show them that those services can be provided better and more cheaply by the private sector."

"The second obstacle is that a lot of people want freedom for themselves but not for others. We need to help them see that they can't have the freedom they want if they are unwilling to allow their neighbors to be free."

He continued: "The third obstacle is that a lot of people are reluctant to give up their government handouts; we need to offer them an incentive: never paying income taxes again!"

"The fourth barrier," he said, "is that some people think we don't have a chance to win; we need to build a party that is big enough to win. That must be our number one goal."

Next to take the podium was the LP's 1984 presidential candidate, David Bergland, who summarized the party's principles and stressed the importance of

remaining committed to them.

"Staying loyal to your principles enables you to be consistent in your politics," he said. "The reason most Democrats and Republicans are inconsistent is because they have no principles."

Explaining the concept of individual rights, Bergland said that every human being and their property is surrounded by a "freedom zone," and that anyone who violates another's freedom zone is also violating that person's rights.

"People in government don't have more rights just because they've been elected," he said. "They have no right to invade your freedom zone."

Addressing the debate ignited by our president's scandalous sex life and habitual lying, Bergland explained the relationship of character to leadership: "The essential component of character is integrity — possession of a moral philosophy and the exhibition of conduct consistent with it. If a person has no integrity, their actions are unpredictable — and that makes them dangerous. The only thing protecting us from our leaders is their character — that's why it is important."

Following him was 1988 LP presidential candidate and current Republican congressman Dr. Ron Paul, who told the audience: "I'm more a champion of principles than parties. There shouldn't be conflict between people who chose different vehicles to achieve the same goals." Dr. Paul described his experiences fighting for liberty in the U.S. Congress, including being told by one of his colleagues that principled politicians "go nowhere." "That's what he truly believes," said Dr. Paul. "A lot of them do. They're guided by political expediency, not principles."

On the other hand, said Dr. Paul, many of his colleagues envy his record of voting according to principle, even if they

lack the courage to emulate him.

After delivering blistering attacks on our nation's monetary and foreign policies, Dr. Paul urged Libertarians to continue fighting for limited government. "This country is moving toward fascism. We need to show Americans that coercive government is not only immoral, it's also a lousy system — it causes poverty and

war! We need to offer an alternative. The libertarian message is crucial, and its influence cannot be measured by numbers. In Washington, they know you exist — and I'm not going to let them forget!"

Next up to bat, 1980 presidential candidate Ed Clark spoke of his experiences on the campaign trail, and offered advice to other Libertarian office-seekers.

"I'm a firm believer in advertising," he said. "The more people see you on TV, hear you on the radio, or read about you, the more seriously they'll take you."

Clark also discussed three cornerstones of effective campaigns...

"First, you should find an issue that the other candidates are afraid to support, and ally yourself with it," he advised. "I associated myself with Prop. 13 and it paid off. Today, Prop. 209 is an issue that Libertarian candidates can connect with. Abolishing the state income tax is another."

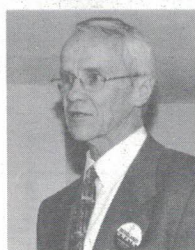
Clark said that another crucial factor to any good campaign is organization. "The better your organization," he said, "the better your campaign will be."

A third cornerstone to successful campaigning is for candidates to do their homework on the issues. "Don't just be an ideologue. You need to show that you've studied real problems and have developed workable solutions to them."

Clark also said that running for office



**Ron Paul**



**David Bergland**



**Ed Clark**



can be very rewarding, and told of a touching experience he had while appearing on *The Larry King Show*. "I got a call from an elderly Eastern European woman who said, 'God bless you. You are the reason I came to America.' That really made my day."

The final presidential candidate to take the podium was Dr. John Hospers, the LP's point man in 1972. Dr. Hospers spoke of the party's dark days, in the early 70's, and how far it has come.

"I had to devote much of my time to simply explaining libertarianism," he said. "Happily, that's not a problem for our candidates today."



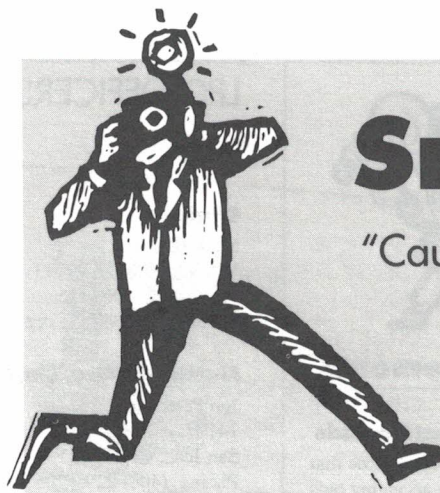
**John Hospers**

As another sign that awareness of and appreciation for America's libertarian heritage is growing, Dr. Hospers pointed to the wealth of pro-freedom literature that was nonexistent 25 years ago.

A professor of philosophy, he also said that reforming education is one of the most critical issues of our day. "My colleagues refer to their current students as 'the first illiterate generation,'" he said. "Our children have been betrayed by their teachers and the system to which they belong. The universities have abandoned their primary purpose and erected whole departments to advance left-wing agendas. The patient — government schools — is terminally ill. We need to pull the plug on it and privatize education."

He continued: "We can't be good citizens if we are taken in by every political snake oil salesman that comes along. This is why so many people embrace a morality and philosophically bankrupt president like Bill Clinton: they have been corrupted, not educated, by their academic experience."

Despite such dire indicators, Dr. Hospers sees public dissatisfaction with government steadily growing, and therefore remains hopeful. "I predict there will come a massive public outcry against the incompetence of government," he told convention-goers, "and then everyone will finally see that we have been right all along." ■

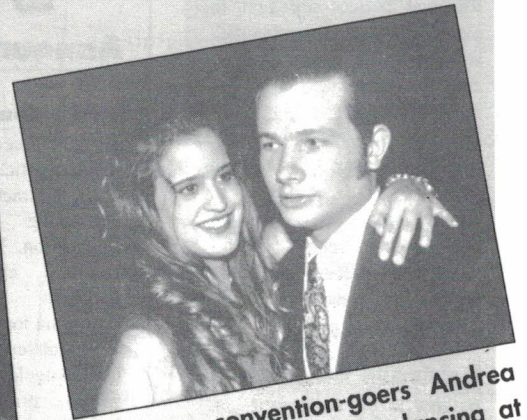


# Snapshots

"Caught" at the Convention...



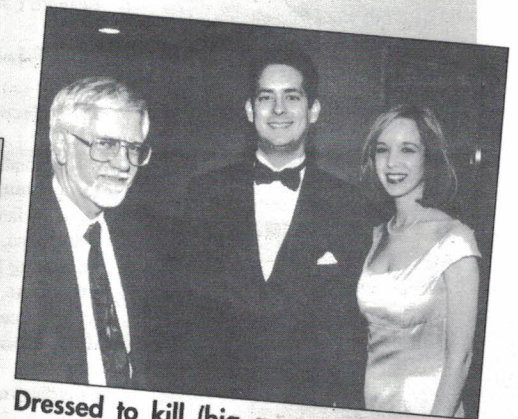
**Libertarian candidate for Governor Steve Kubby and his wife Michelle.**



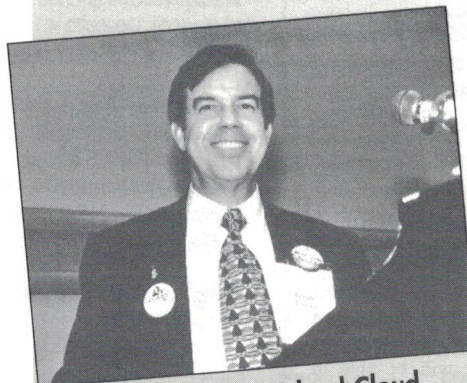
**First time convention-goers Andrea Bras and Matthew Lamp dancing at Saturday night's Grand Banquet.**



**Jon Peterson, Lou Villadsen and Reason Foundation President Robert Poole.**



**Dressed to kill (big government): Ernst Ghermann, Juan and Stacy Ros.**



**Fundraising Chair Michael Cloud.**



**Veteran LPC activists Joe Sokol and Rodger Rosie chat with Bellflower Mayor Pro-Tem Art Olivier.**



## For Your Information

### Renewing Your Membership

Renewal notices are sent to members whose expiration date is coming up. Just return your dues payment in the accompanying envelope and your membership at the national, state, and local level will be renewed for one year. Please respond to renewal notices promptly so we don't need to send additional reminders — every additional notice costs money we could otherwise use to grow the party!

### Address Changes

Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

### Special Requests

If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

### Address Labels

The address label on your copy of this newsletter provides important information relating to your membership records. On the top line of the label, you will find a six-digit number. Please mention this number in any correspondence relating to your membership.

On the same line you will also find a two-digit number identifying the LPC region with which you are affiliated. (If you are not a member but are receiving the newsletter for some other reason there will be a two-letter code instead.) See the listing on page 11 to find out the name of your region and who to contact for information about local activities.



## Announcements

### 1999 Convention Bids

The LPC Excom announces that it is now officially accepting bids from contractors interested in organizing the 1999 LPC Convention. Traditionally, conventions alternate between Southern and Northern California locations; because the 1998 Convention will be held in Los Angeles, the committee would prefer a Northern California site for the 1999 Convention. However, all bids are welcome. Interested parties should submit their bids to LPC Chair Mark Hinkle, 655 Lewelling Blvd. Ste. 362, San Leandro CA 94579-1844.

### Candidates Needed

It's not too soon to plan for the 1998 election! Libertarians are needed to run for U.S. Congress, State Senate and State Assembly throughout California. Filing starts in January, but we need to plan ahead. If you are interested in running for public office as a Libertarian, or if you would like to volunteer to assist the campaign of another candidate, contact the LPC's Candidate Coordinator, Ted Brown, by telephone at (818) 286-7817, or via e-mail at <tedb@mail.idt.net>.

### Bylaw Changes

You now have the chance to put in your two-cents about the LPC Bylaws. Don't like some of the provisions? Tell it to the Bylaws Committee! Send your proposal(s) to one or more of the committee members at least one week before the start of the convention. All submissions received by then will be considered. The Bylaws Committee members are Joe Dehn, Linda Grau, Jon Petersen, Terry Savage and Bob Weber. To contact them, see their listings elsewhere on this page. The sooner you send your proposals, the better the committee will be able to review them.

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*Larry Elder at  
the LPC's 1998  
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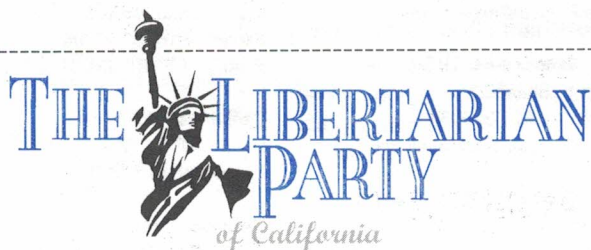
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